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Alabama

Klansmen Invade Alabama Professor's Hotel Room

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., July 24.—(AP)—Believing in Alabama College professor to be an International Labor Defense attorney, a band of men wearing hoods and robes of the Ku Klux Klan early today warned him in his hotel room to leave the city.

Convinced later they were mistaken in their belief, they retracted their demand and the educator remained here until late morning, when he left for Birmingham.

J. R. Steelman, professor of sociology at Alabama College, State-supported school for girls at Montevallo, said he was visited in his hotel room shortly after midnight today by 12 men who remained hooded during the interview.

The spokesman of the group, Prof. Steelman said, accused him of being "an I. L. D. agitator and lawyer" and warned him to leave.

Prof. Steelman protested as one of the group walked over to search his luggage, telling the men he was not connected with the International Labor Defense, but was a "teacher at Montevallo."

After further discussion, the spokesman for the band agreed to call Circuit Judge Henry B. Foster to establish the educator's identity. A telephone call was made, Judge Foster identified Prof. Steelman to the apparent satisfaction of the group, and the men left.

A few minutes later, Prof. Steelman saw the group standing on a street corner across from his hotel room. He dressed and went out to talk with them again.

The Montevallo professor again explained his position in the State and reaffirmed his statement that he had no connection with the International Labor Defense.

Apparently fully satisfied with his identity at that time, Prof. Steelman said, the group dispersed.

The Montevallo educator has been connected with Alabama College for six years. During that time he has made frequent studies of social conditions in the State and, since the lynching of two negroes near Tuscaloosa on Aug. 13 last year, he has made several trips there.

He holds a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of North Carolina, a masters degree from Vanderbilt University and also attended Henderson-Brown College.

His investigation of the August lynchings was made for the Southern Inter-racial Commission.

Union

Ku Klux Klan Warns Professor to Leave Town, Then Retracts

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., July 24, (AP)

An Alabama college professor employed as investigator for the Inter-racial Commission today was warned to leave town by a group of robed men but the warning was retracted after the professor convinced the group he was not connected with the International Labor Defense.

J. R. Steelman, professor of sociology at Alabama College for Women at Montevallo, said the men garbed in regalia of the Ku Klux Klan appeared at his hotel room early this morning and warned him to leave after accusing him of being an "agitator." Circuit Judge Henry B. Foster apparently convinced the men they were mistaken and they left, Steelman said.

For the past six years Steelman has been connected with Alabama College and for the past two years has been an investigator for the Inter-Racial Commission. He has been engaged several weeks in an investigation of the lynching of two young negroes near here last August. At a preliminary trial for the negroes, charged with attacking and killing the daughter of a white farmer in rural Tuscaloosa County, attorneys for the I. L. D., appeared and attempted to represent the defendants.

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QUIET RETURNS TO TUSCALOOSA

Police Patrol Streets On Watch For Band Of Hooded Men

TUSCALOOSA, July 25.—(Special.)—Dr. J. R. Stillman, professor of sociology and economics at Alabama College, Montevallo, who "outbroke" a band of 30 white-robed men at his hotel here Monday night, slept last night as the hotel vicinity was patrolled by special officers assigned by City Police Chief H. H. Billingsly.

The assignment of special officers was made, Chief Billingsly said, to prevent a possible recurrence of Monday night's midnight visit of a hooded band, which mistook Dr. Steelman for an International Labor Defense propagandist.

Dr. Stillman, who has made previous reports of cases involving inter-racial problems for the Southern inter-racial commission, last

night said this trip was strictly a private one, intended only to collect data for class study.

Dr. Stillman stood on a railway station platform near his hotel at 2 a.m. yesterday and lectured a grotesque audience of 30 white-robed men, on the evils of hiding behind a mask. Before the crowd had dispersed the majority of masked men had apologized to the speaker for their "untimely" call and wished him a pleasant stay in the city.

Birmingham, Ala., News July 24, 1934

TEACHER RECEIVES NIGHT VISIT FROM KLAN-CLAD GROUP

Prof. J. R. Steelman Accused Of Being Agitator For I. L. D. Crowd

CALL PAID AT MIDNIGHT IN TUSCALOOSA HOTEL

Educator In Talk Convinces Men Mistake Is Made And They Disperse

Confronted at midnight Monday by a delegation of men who appeared at his room at the Burchfield Hotel, Tuscaloosa, in what was described as K. K. K. regalia, to accuse him of being an I. L. D. agitator, J. R. Steelman, professor of sociology at Alabama College and a member of the investigating staff of the Inter-Racial Commission, dispersed the mob after a spectacular street corner speech.

According to information from Tuscaloosa Tuesday, five automobile loads of men, all of whom were said to have worn the regulation klan regalia, made their way into Prof. Steelman's hotel room and openly charged the educator with being an "I. L. D. agitator."

After talking seriously with the men a few minutes, it is reported, they left the hotel and congregated at the L. & N. Station near by. Learning that the men had not yet dispersed, Prof. Steelman dressed and voluntarily appeared before the midnight street assemblage, where he explained his position and told them he was unable to understand how such a report could have gained credence.

The men disbanded, it was reported, after having been convinced of Prof. Steelman's sincerity, and left the scene of the meeting for various parts of the city.

Prof. Steelman has been a professor of economics and sociology at Montevallo six years. He was a doctor of philosophy at the University of North Carolina, holds two graduate degrees from Vanderbilt and is an alumnus of Henderson-Brown.

For two years he has been on the investigating staff of the Inter-Racial Commission, and effective Aug. 1 is to be appointed federal commissioner of conciliation, Department of Labor.

Prof. Steelman is believed to have been linked with the Communistic movement in the suspicions of his visitors through his activities as an investigator of the Inter-Racial Commission, whose work has drawn the praise of all groups in the South.

WHAT A MISTAKE!

When men gather together for Ku Kluxish reform they sometimes make mistakes, all argument to the contrary notwithstanding and what-may.

Witness the case of a group of Tuscaloosa gentlemen, clad in white bathrobes and snow slips, calling on a "stranger in town," who they supposed to be an I. L. D. lawyer.

That the Klansmen had not the right to order an I. L. D. lawyer out of town goes without saying.

But instead of a supposedly dangerous red lawyer the Klansmen found a harmless professor of sociology from Alabama College!

Hooded Defiance

As long as hooded men defy the laws of Alabama just so long will justice be in jeopardy.

The experience of Dr. J. R. Steelman, Montevallo college professor, at Tuscaloosa the other night is too important to be passed off lightly.

There was no violence it is true, but from 30 to 50 men, masked in open violation of the law, paraded the streets of Tuscaloosa, and no effort was made by the police to stop the demonstration or to protect the man they sought.

Tuscaloosa has been in the spotlight of national criticism for a year now. It has

not been a pleasant position to occupy. Neither has it been pleasant for the people of the state at large. But Alabama will continue to be looked upon from the outside as the abode of a benighted people until outlaws are treated as outlaws and hooded bands are herded behind the walls at Kilby.

Appeals For Union Men Who Belong To Klan

Editor, The Post:

We, the officers and members of local union No. 3358, United Mine Workers of America, Dixiana, Ala., want to congratulate you and all Scripps-Howard newspapers for your honesty and fairness which you have shown the laboring class of people through the crisis which we have gone through in dealing with capital.

Believing that you will show no prejudice for either side and that you want to deal with things that are only fair, we want to make an appeal through The Post Box for the benefit of honest members who belong to the Ku Klux Klan.

We beg you to investigate thoroughly each case that is presented to you before steps will have been taken to punish each offender. We think that we can rely on the honesty of the majority of said members to do what is fair to each and every one.

We had a march here recently of supposedly KKK's who we believe had but one motive in mind and that was to attempt to destroy organized labor.

ERNEST L. KNIGHT,
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Tuscaloosa County Merits Applause From All Alabama

Judge Henry B. Foster, Solicitor DeGraffenried and the Tuscaloosa County Grand Jury richly deserve the congratulations of the law-abiding citizens of this state for the prompt and orderly manner in which the confessed perpetrator of an attempted criminal attack in that county last week was apprehended, tried and placed on his way to Kirby Prison, under a minimum sentence of 20 years, within 48 hours after the offense took place.

This is the kind of police and court achievement which builds up respect for the law, as well as for the men whom society has delegated to enforce the law. Last Summer the press of Alabama was quick to denounce the forces responsible for disgraceful extra-legal proceedings in Tuscaloosa County. While at that time it was recognized that the violently aggressive and premeditatively obnoxious methods employed by foreign lawyers under the banner of the International Labor Defense had played their part in stirring up an almost frenzied resentment in Tuscaloosa County, it was the virtually unanimous opinion of the Alabama newspapers that a reciprocation with illegal violence on the part of certain elements in that county was in no way to be justified.

In view of the highly favorable light thrown upon Tuscaloosa County by the recent action of the Circuit Court there, it is particularly unfortunate that a touch of last Summer's madness should have intruded itself into the picture through the instrumentality of a group of persons, said to have been dressed in Ku Klux Klan regalia, who confronted Dr. J. R.

Steelman in his room at one of the Tuscaloosa hotels at midnight Monday. The fact that the intruders supposedly thought that Dr. Steelman, who has been associated with the work of the Inter-Racial Commission and who has just been appointed federal commissioner of conciliation in the Department of Labor, was engaged in I. L. D. activities graphically indicates what the conscientious officials of the county are up against.

But, for the prompt and efficient performance of duty last week, the press of Alabama undoubtedly will now be quite as eager to do honor to the court and police officials of Tuscaloosa County as it was to criticize them adversely last Summer. It is far too much, however, to expect that this revised attitude will have anything approaching a noticeable reflection at Union Square, New York. Alabamians should not be greatly disappointed if even the more just and conservative publications of the East fail to take note of the admirable manner in which a delicate case was managed in Tuscaloosa County last week. Justice and dignity in the courts never feed the guns of the radicals and the revolutionists. We should always remember that.

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Yes and No

"Is the South suffering from an inferiority complex?" asks Clarence Cason, professor of journalism at the University of Alabama.

The answer is "Yes," and "No." Some Southerners are and some aren't.

Those who cringe and quiver from the spoutings of such prejudiced individuals as Samuel Leibowitz and his ilk may diagnose their case as an inferiority complex.

Those who are able to disregard the irresponsible utterances of a few Northern extremists, in the confidence that the real situation in the South, is understood by the

great body of intelligent Northerners, may safely answer no to Dr. Cason's question.

An element of the population in Tuscaloosa, Dr. Cason's home community, must plead guilty to the general charge implied in the question, judging from the report of Dr. John R. Steelman, sociology professor, who was visited by a hooded mob at the university town.

Southerners who stop to think consider it beneath their dignity to pay overmuch attention to the vituperation of extremists.

They do not, however, consider it beneath their dignity to give serious attention to moderate, thoughtful criticism of our handling of the race problem, particularly the demand that we do more to better the economic status of the negro, through the doing of which we will better our own economic standing.

700 Alabama Croppers
On Strike/Defy K.K.K.
And Landlord Terror

CAMP HILL, Ala., Sept. 17. — In face of the mobilization of the Ku Klux Klan and the threats of landlords to move all croppers off the land as soon as the cotton season is over, 700 sharecroppers remain solidly out on strike for their demands of \$1 per hundred pounds of cotton gathered.

Although all of the sharecroppers are Negroes, the white sharecroppers are very sympathetic to the strike and are talking of joining the Negroes in their fight for a living wage.

Seven Negro sharecroppers were arrested in Lee County on suspicion of distributing leaflets. One cropper was reported shot by a landlord in Chambers County.

Authorities at the textile mills at Opelika manifest fear at possible united action by striking croppers and textile workers. There are about 2,000 sharecroppers in Lee, Tallapoosa and Chambers Counties where the strike is in progress. More sharecroppers are joining the strike every day.

THE REFORMERS

In The Foley Outlooker we find an announcement that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Alabama, will meet in Mobile in the near future, to map out plans to fight Communism in this State. Now there may or may not be a need for some measure to fight Communism in the Red State of Alabama. We doubt that there is much need for a unified fight against the disciples of Lenin in Alabama. And we know that any legal steps taken toward combatting the so-called radical menace will do more harm than good.

Still when it is necessary for steps to be taken to fight any organizations which threaten Democracy, certainly the people will find a more suitable than the Ku Klux Klan.

One should hesitate to choose between Ku Kluxism and Communism. One can be just as dangerous as the other. But because Alabama would be more tolerant of Ku Kluxism than of Communism the greatest menace lies in the pillow case units.

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Klansman's Attack on Reds

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Coolly Received in Mobile

By a Worker Correspondent

MOBILE, Ala.—The speaker at a meeting here, one "Dr." H. I. Phillips, opened his attack on the Communist Party by saying that every one who wanted to see this country remain as it is was a Klansman.

"The day has come when the Klan must again mobilize in the defense of our country"—so said Phillips. If he would be truthful, he would have said, "The day has come when the sneaks must mobilize to fight down the rising indignation of the masses, with terrorism and all the savage brutality they can muster."

Friend Phillips then extolled the past activities of the Klan. Their efforts to make the Negro "keep their places" their efforts to oppress the white worker of the South also came in for their share of praise from this foul mouth-piece of the fascist boss class. He said that it is WAR. He is right, it is class war, the struggles of the masses against the impossible domination of the entire capitalist class, of which the Klan is but one weapon of terrorism against the misery-ridden workers.

The former objects of the Klan rule of terrorism, the Jews and the Catholics, were invited by Phillips to join hands with their former enemies, in a fight against the workers.

In speaking of the recent strikes, Phillips even went so far as to condemn the Communists for their stand against the arbitration of the recent textile strike, and to praise the sell-out tactics of the A. F. of L.

Some of the comment heard about the speaker were very bitter. The consensus was largely in favor of the so-called reds. The statement of Phillips' "Moscow Money" was coolly received. One person was heard to remark, "How can you run the radicals out of the country when everyone is hungry?" Another said, "How about the people who only get \$15 a week, they don't think that way, do they?" Then Phillips closed by saying that anything, even open fascism, should be used to combat the Communists. And by saying that all the Communists would be "isolated" by the Klan and then "exterminated." Some one then made the remark "That's a pretty big job, fellow."

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Klan Reborn As Issue In Alabama

Only 10 Days Remain For Candidates In Runoff To Be Decided June 12

By T. M. DAVENPORT
Associated Press Staff Writer
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., June 2.—(P)—

Dormant for years, the Ku Klux Klan is a political issue in the race for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination between former Gov. Bibb Graves and Frank M. Dixon, Birmingham attorney, who, in 10 days, settle the question in a "runoff" primary.

The Klan question was thrust to the front during the past 10 days by Maj. in Dixon who charged that former Gov. Bibb Graves, who had the support of the order, was in his successful race in 1926, had therunoffs have been quiet, with the candidate making person to person campaign.

"A smoke screen," replied the former Governor, who declared his opponent, in "desperation," sought to inject the question into the race.

"The day of masked men parading the highways and flogging people shall not come again, and it will not come again, if I am elected Governor," Dixon said as he stumped the State against the former Governor.

"Reports have come to me of the re-organization of Klaverns all over the State," he said. "It is my information that 30 new Klaverns have been formed off and that there is great activity in those already existing."

Bert Thomas, grand dragon of the Klan in Alabama, denied the charge, asserting that the accusation was made to arouse "gentle against catholics and jews x x x. No such feelings exist today."

"As a matter of fact," said Thomas, "there are only six functioning Klans in Alabama at this time. Absolutely none has been organized for more than a year. Further, there are none in process of organization now."

Declaring the charge of Klan support and that linking his candidacy with William F. Feagin, State Board of Administration president and storm center in legislative battles during the current administration, "smoke screens," Graves has replied:

"Hate and prejudice have no place in the scheme of things; honest effort, patriotism, perservance, the will-to-do, and united cooperation, and nothing else, will get us out of this mire of depression."

Graves also declared Feagin would have no place in his administration, although Dixon charged that the director of the Board of Administration was sending word to guards at the prisons to lend their support to Graves.

The proposed "short ballot" Dixon advocates, eliminating the election of all State officers except the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, has been a target for Graves, who declared it would make the Governor "a Hitler, and take from the people the right to select their governing officers."

Dixon has advocated reorganization of State and county Governments to modernize them and "eliminate the political ring masters." He has urged this as a means of eliminating overlapping departments and working for efficiency and coordination.

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A total of 305,000 votes were cast for Governor in the first primary, marking a new all-time high for the State, in either primary or general election. Polls open at 8 a.m., throughout the State, closing at 5 p.m., in rural districts and at 6 p.m., in urban areas. There are more than 2,000 ballot boxes in the State.

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Klan Is Seeking Election Of 'One Of Its Leaders' Dragon Resentful

Head Of Hooded Order In Alabama Attacks Dixon And Denies It's Growing

The definite charge that the Klan had returned to Alabama politics to elect "one of its leaders as governor," and an attack by Grand Dragon Bert E. Thomas upon Frank M. Dixon yesterday brought the "Invisible Empire" back into the political spotlight with a flourish.

Grand Dragon Thomas, without mentioning the name of Col. Bibb Graves, who was the Klan candidate for Governor in 1926, in an open letter to The Advertiser, resentfully attacked Mr. Dixon for intimating that the Klan was growing in Alabama. He denied the report, asserting there were "only six functioning Klans in Alabama," and "demanded" that his letter be given prominence.

At the same time, according to an Associated Press dispatch, John Howard Lawson, playwright and author in an article in The New York Post, asserted "The Klansmen ride again in Alabama." Lawson's article stated, as quoted in the Associated Press, "Alabama's resurrected Klan operates with the approval of the political powers in Birmingham." Lawson's article stated, as quoted in the Associated Press, "In rural northern Alabama it is reported to have organized 44 new Klaverns."

"Election of Leader" "Its immediate objective is said to be the election of one of its leaders as governor."

Lawson wrote of the Klan that in addition "to its hatred of negro and Jew, it has added a new principle; the throttling of all aggressive labor activities."

"The Birmingham section of the Klan travels in modern dress," Lawson asserted. "It has rechristened itself the White Legion. It meets in the Jefferson County Courthouse."

The attack on Frank Dixon, voiced in a letter to The Advertiser, was signed "Bert E. Thomas, Grand Dragon, Realm of Alabama."

The letter to The Advertiser by Grand Dragon Thomas follows: "I inclose a statement which points out the falsity of statements made by Frank M. Dixon, candidate for governor, regarding the alleged reorganization of

many new Klans in Alabama.

Grand Dragon's Demand "I am making demand that you give this statement equal prominent as was given the false statement made by Mr. Dixon and published in your newspaper."

The statement of Grand Dragon Thomas follows:

"In reply to Frank M. Dixon, candidate for Governor, in his attack on the alleged activities of the Klan, the undersigned states most emphatically that his statements are untrue. These statements apparently are made only for the purpose of arousing Gentiles against Catholics and Jews and stir up race prejudices. No such feeling exist today. There is no reason for its recurrence."

"As a matter of fact, there are only six functioning Klans in Alabama at this time. Absolutely none has been organized for more than a year. Further, there are none in process or organization now."

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
"Signed) BERT E. THOMAS,
"Grand Dragon, Realm of Alabama."
GOVERNOR MILLER'S HISTORIC ARRAIGNMENT OF KLU KLUX GOVERNMENT

The Advertiser is indebted to Mr. J. Morgan Flowers of Montgomery for calling to its attention one of the great political utterances of recent Alabama history. It was written by Benjamin Meek Miller in 1930 as a part of his campaign speech, when he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Noting that it has been recently charged and not denied that the Ku Klux Klan has recently organized forty or more klaverns in Alabama, most of them in the northern section of the State, Mr. Flowers thinks it timely and fitting to recall what Judge Miller said in his memorable war to the death with Ku Kluxism.

As Mr. Flowers says this should be interesting now, "especially to the young men and women who are just reaching their majority and casting their first ballots, and to the new-comers to our State who are seeking authoritative information as to the current Gubernatorial campaign."

Said the then Judge Miller in all his speeches from the Mountains to the Sea: "There are three departments of government: The legislative, the judicial and executive. They should be kept separate and distinct. Neither should exercise the powers of the other, directly nor indirectly, so that we may have 'a government of laws and not of men.'"

Our United States Senators are Klansmen. Many of the representatives and senators of the general assembly of Alabama are members of this secret order. They and their friends practically controlled almost all legislation in the session held under the present administration.

One and probably two of the associate justices of the Supreme Court of Alabama are or were Ku Klux Klansmen. Here and there on the Circuit Court bench we find a judge who joined this secret order.

Our Governor (Graves) and nearly all of the State officials nominated in the Democratic primary in August, 1926, and elected in November, 1926, were klansmen. Many of the appointees of the Governor and the employees of the State under this administration are Ku Klux Klansmen. The jury commissioners in many, if not all, of the counties of the State appointed under this administration, are klansmen.

The ballot boxes of the Democratic party in Alabama in August, 1926, when opened in the State primary election, contained enough klan ballots under the present single primary rule to give nearly every State office to klansmen.

The keys of many, if not all of the jury boxes in Alabama are in the hands of klansmen.

The sanctity of our homes and the security of the happiness, property, liberty and life and the rights of our citizens rest largely in the ballot box and in the jury box. These boxes should not be controlled and dominated by any secret organization.

The rank and file, by the thousands, in the Ku Klux Klan are fine men, good Democrats, patriotic; and do not endorse klan rule in government or politics, but there are some leaders in this order who point out the wrong road for the members to travel in Alabama.

There should be neither a klan nor anti-klan government in Alabama.

The Democrats of Alabama must come back to the fundamental principles of government.

We must come together, unite, and have government of the people, a government by the people, and a government for all of the people, and not as we have now in Alabama, a government of the klan, a government by the klan, and a government for the klan.

That was the situation in Alabama four years ago. What will be the conditions four years hence?

ALABAMA ANTI-REDS SEEK LAWYER BAN

Question Candidates for Legislature on Closing the Court to Outside Counsel.

By The Associated Press.

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FASCISM IN ALABAMA

There has sprung up in North Alabama a "secret organization" known as the White Legion which purports to combat Communism in Alabama and to protect the Good Name of the State from outside lawyers who would defend Alabama prisoners in Alabama courts.

This White Legion smacks of the Ku Klux Klan and the Brown-Shirted storm troopers of Hitler. Unfortunately it appears that the organization is bent on entering politics. It is recruiting candidates for State offices.

There is no place for a Fascist-like organization in Alabama. Any "secret society" which attempts to take a hand in politics certainly must be viewed with suspicion. Men who work under cover for political purposes harbor danger for the people.

Lancaster, S. C. News

June 1, 1934

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Among the attorneys in the Scottsboro trial was Samuel Liebowitz of New York.

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"We would like to know," said the questionnaire, "if you would sponsor or support a bill to protect the courts and laws of this state against a repetition of that which happened in Tuscaloosa in the Harden-Pippen cases. (Dan Pippen and A. H. Harden, negroes, were lynched, after the courts had denied the International Labor defense attorneys were privileged to intervene and postponed their trials)."

"In other words, a bill which would make it possible for any out-of-state lawyer to practice in the state of Alabama to the extent of embarrassing our courts and juries."

Atheism Opposed

A second bill proposed in the questionnaire would prevent employment of any teacher in state supported schools and colleges "who is directly or indirectly connected with, or in sympathy with atheism or Communism."

Candidates also were asked if they would sponsor or support a measure to make it a felony to print or circulate "any reading matter which brought into public disrepute our laws, courts, juries and law enforcement agencies which has been and is now the common and continuing practice of the I. L. D. and all other Communistic agencies."

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

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ALABAMA TEACHER

TOLD TO GET OUT

Men Dressed as Members of Klan Make Mistake in Identity and Retract Order

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., July 24 (AP)—

An Alabama college professor employed as investigator for the inter-racial commission today was warned to leave town by a group of robed men but the warning was retracted after the professor convinced the group he was not connected with the international labor defense.

J. R. Steelman, professor of sociology at Alabama College for Women at Montevallo, said the men garbed in regalia of the Ku Klux Klan appeared at his hotel room early this morning and warned him to leave after accusing him of being an "agitator" and attorney for the I. L. A.

A telephone call to Circuit Judge Henry B. Foster apparently convinced the men they were mistaken and they left, Steelman said. He added that he talked them out of a demand that they be permitted to search his luggage.

Putting on his clothes, Steelman said he went down stairs and found the group conversing across the street. He said he joined the conversation for a few minutes before the men departed.

For the past six years Steelman has been connected with Alabama college and for the past two years has been an investigator for the inter-racial commission. He has been engaged several weeks in an investigation of the lynching of two young Negroes near here last August.

No Charges Made

At a preliminary trial for the Negroes, charged with attacking and killing the daughter of a white farmer in rural Tuscaloosa county, attorneys for the I. L. D. appeared and attempted to represent the defendants.

The Negroes and their parents signed statements that the attorneys had not been employed by them and Judge Foster, who was presiding, ruled the I. L. D. representatives out of the case, and they were escorted out of town by national guardsmen. A mob seized the Negroes several days later as they were being

rushed to Birmingham for safekeeping. The Negroes were lined up and shot. A third prisoner, held in connection with the case, was wounded by the mob.

Steelman holds a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of North Carolina, and a master's degree from Vanderbilt university. He also attended Henderson-Brown college.

After announcing that he did not intend to file charges as a result of the early morning visit by the robed band, Steelman left for Birmingham.

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'Silver Shirts' Drill Near San Diego And Plan Government's Overthrow

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The Los Angeles Examiner in a copyright story in its Sunday edition says testimony has been given before the congressional committee on un-American activities, now sitting in Los Angeles, "that armed men known as the Silver Shirts, with a secret auxiliary called Storm Troopers and avowedly organized to change the Government of the United States" are drilling near San Diego.

"Revelations made by Government operatives disclosed that 2,000 rounds of .30 calibre ammunition was purchased for the Silver Shirts at the Naval Air Station at North Island, San Diego," the newspaper says. "It was purchased from members of the United States armed forces on active duty at the time."

The testimony was presented to the committee, presided over by Representative Charles Kramer, of California, in a session behind closed doors.

While the testimony was being given before the committee, the newspaper says, it was learned that an "investigation was being pressed vigorously by intelligence officers of the army, navy and marine corps, as well as by other Government agencies" into the activities of the Silver Shirts on the Pacific Coast.

The Silver Shirts, the newspaper asserts the committee has been informed by witnesses, displays no swastikas, the emblems of the Nazi party of Germany, on their uniforms but that the swastika emblem is in their homes.

Capt. William Hynes, of the Los Angeles Police Department anti-radical squad, said the police had been watching the Silver Shirts in Los Angeles several months. He said he did not know what testimony had been given the congressional committee.

Membership in the organization is secret, the members themselves not knowing generally, the names of their comrades, the newspaper says.

"Members of the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and the California National Guard are enrolled in the organization," the newspaper says the committee was informed.

"An 'old man' supplies the San Diego organization with gold, and also supplies arms and ammunition, operating through a 'fence' on University Avenue, San Diego."

"A corporal of the United States Marine Corps in San Diego, assigned to intelligence work to obtain information concerning the Silver Shirts, was 'on the spot' once, being target for mysterious shots, and again being attacked by five men."

The avowed purpose of the Silver Shirts and their auxiliary, intelligence officers reported, is two-fold:

"First: They plan to use their armed

strength to overcome the Communists, because they believe the Communists will stage an uprising and will seize the Government of the United States, and they in turn are planning to wrest it from the Communists.

"Second: They are planning to remove all Jews from public office, including Henry Morgenthau, United States Secretary of the Treasury."

The newspaper says hundreds of the Silver Shirts and their auxiliary members own a rifle range in sparsely settled country beyond El Cajon and La Mesa where they engage in target practice and drill. They are being taught the use of infantry weapons, in military tactics and in methods of street fighting.

Kramer was unavailable for comment.

Conspiracy of Silver Shirts

The most sensational revelation that has yet been made to the House committee inquiring into plots and conspiracies against the government of the United States is contained in a copyrighted article published in the Los Angeles Examiner of Sunday to the effect that

armed men, known as The Silver Shirts, with a secret auxiliary called Storm Troopers, avowedly organized to change the government of this country, are drilling near San Diego.

According to the newspaper story, the revelations made by government operatives disclosed that 2,000 rounds of .30-caliber ammunition were purchased for the Silver Shirts at the naval air station at North Island near San Diego. It is alleged that this ammunition was bought from members of the armed forces of the United States on active duty at the time.

The session of the committee, presided over by Representative Charles Kramer, at which this testimony was presented, was held behind closed doors.

The story runs that the Silver Shirts do not display the Swastika emblem on their uniform but keep it in their homes.

We are told that membership in the organization is secret, the members themselves not knowing generally the names of their comrades. It is added that members of the United States Navy, Marine Corps and California National Guards are enrolled in this organization.

It is alleged that the immediate aim of the Silver Shirts is to overcome the communist and then to take over the government of the

United States. They are also planning to remove all Jews from public office, including Henry Morgenthau, secretary of the treasury.

It is alleged that the Silver Shirts and their auxiliary own a rifle range in a thinly settled country not far from San Diego where they are being taught the use of infantry weapons in military tactics and in methods of street fighting.

There will be those who try to laugh this off and insist that it is merely the figment of a heated imagination. We can quite understand that since the testimony was given behind closed doors there may be some exaggeration. But it is known that there were ample grounds for a thorough investigation upon American activities and the House Committee is determined to go to the bottom of it.

Hysteria in Ranks

Of the Silver Shirts

If their plans have been correctly reported, the San Diego Silver Shirts, a reputedly Fascist organization, must feel like the man in the story who took his harp to a party and then wasn't asked to play.

Appearing before a Congressional committee last week, Corporal Edward T. Grey, of the United States Marines, who has been investigating Silver Shirt activities in San Diego, described a plot to capture that community's city hall. The Communists were to stage a demonstration in San Diego last May, he said, adding:

"The Silver Shirts were ready, too. The 200 armed, trained Silver Shirts had orders to converge on the city from the outskirts. They counted on the Communists going in before them and taking the city by storm. Then, in the confusion, the Silver Shirts were to overthrow the Communists, their avowed enemies."

The plan blew up, he said, when the Communist demonstration failed to materialize. This, if the Corporal has his facts straight, certainly must have spoiled the Silver Shirts' fun. It is a question, tho, whether any organization which seriously believes that Communists could or would try to capture a large American city under present conditions deserves much respect, at any rate.

MARINE DESCRIBES PLOT OF U. S. NAZIS

Tells of Offer To Buy Arms as German Vice Consul Refuses Testimony.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Dr. George Gyssling, German vice consul here, declined today to appear before a congressional subcommittee which a few hours previously heard testimony that a reputedly nazi organization at San Diego offered money for stolen government rifles and ammunition.

"The committee will have to get the consent of the Germany embassy in Washington," Dr. Gyssling said. He said he understood he was wanted "for questioning in regard to a \$215 check, made out to cash, and indorsed by a person whose activities are under suspicion."

Virgil Haynes, who said he was working in the intelligence service of the United States marines, told the committee he joined the San Diego Silver Shirts and said a member of that organization offered him money for machine guns, rifles and ammunition to be stolen from military forces.

Haynes asserted he had seen Silver Shirts drilling with rifles presumably obtained from San Diego military sources, and that they had been arming themselves and drilling in plot to take control of the United States government.

Ammunition Stored. The marine observer said he had been told of large caches of ammunition stored by the Silver Shirts and said he had seen small amounts.

Asked by the committee attorney what the purpose of the Silver Shirts was Haynes said:

"To change the government. William Dudley Pelley, the national organizer, told me the plan was to incorporate the nation, giving each adult a share of stock. This would bear a monthly dividend of \$80 a share, he said. He also planned to deport the Jews."

"Was force advocated to gain control of the government?" Haynes was asked.

"Yes, I was commissioned as an instructor in military tactics with the Silver Shirts. I taught them the use of small arms and street fighting."

Planned Uprising Told.

One of the first witnesses to appear before the committee was Corporal Edward T. Grey, of the United States marines, stationed in San Diego. He

was assigned by superior officers to investigate the activities of the Silver Shirts. The corporal gave an account of the planned "capture" of the San Diego city hall by force, saying:

"It was planned for early in May, when the communists were to stage a May Day celebration. The Silver Shirts were ready, too. The 200 armed, trained Silver Shirts had orders to converge on the city from the outskirts. They counted on the communists going in before them and taking the city by storm. Then, in the confusion, the Silver Shirts were to overthrow the communists, their avowed enemies."

The "capture" of San Diego failed, however, Grey said, when the communist demonstration failed to materialize.

In declining to appear before the committee Dr. Gyssling displayed a \$215 check to newspapermen. It was indorsed by E. W. Rehmer.

"Somebody must have made a foolish confusion," he said, "as E. W. Rehmer is a lady—my personal secretary."

Marine Joined Group.

Haynes said that as an intelligence worker in the marines he obtained membership in the San Diego Silver Shirts.

"I was made an instructor," Haynes testified. "The Silver Shirts were armed with rifles, pistols and shotguns, but mainly Springfield rifles bearing a United States government mark."

"I was told the rifles had been purchased from members of the military forces in San Diego."

"I saw 2,000 pounds of ammunition and was told there was another 12,000 pounds cached in four places near San Diego. The ammunition, I was told, had been purchased from Corporals Huddle and Edelson at the North Island naval base."

The former marine testified the offer for guns and ammunition was made by W. W. Kemp, who was described as commander of the San Diego Silver Shirts.

Haynes quoted Kemp as saying: "Anything the Silver Shirts did would be countenanced by the San Diego sheriff's office with the exception of the undersheriff, who is a Jew."

"The Silver Shirts," Haynes quoted Kemp as saying, "will not be bothered when the time comes to act. Firearms of both the sheriff's office and the police department will be turned over to us. The undersheriff will be liquidated."

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THE "SILVER SHIRTS" PROBE. There is only one way to deal with radicalism when it sticks its ugly head above the surface. That is to stamp it down in such a manner as to remove it as a threat to a law-abiding community. At the same time, in the treatment accorded the communists who many months ago attempted to stir up strife here, radical organizations in the United States furnished a fine example of how these malcontents should be dealt with.

With these agitators either behind the bars or out under heavy bonds, others of their ilk have given the city a wide berth. So while other cities have had to undergo violence and widespread unrest because of communist activities, we have been entirely free of trouble from this source.

What Atlanta has done should be done by every other city in the country. **8-10-34**

It is amazing that the American people are apparently willing to accept apathetically the development of such facts as have come out of the congressional investigation of the California "Silver Shirts" organization. It has been convincingly shown that this organization has seriously plotted the ultimate overthrow of the United States government, and has secured, through bribery, arms and ammunition from military sources. **Atlanta, Ga.**

Silver Shirt Alarm Is Sifted In Secret
8-6-34

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Behind closed doors, the congressional committee on un-American activities will resume tomorrow its investigation of the activities of the "silver shirts" who, according to testimony already reported given before the committee, are drilling with arms in the vicinity of San Diego with the avowed purpose of overthrowing the Government. **Montgomery, Ala.**

Representative Charles Kramer of California, chairman of the committee, admitted that "startling" information had been given the committee, declined today to discuss the investigation as did intelligence officers of the army, navy, and marine corps.

However, an attorney who at one time assertedly was interested in the organization work of the Silver Shirts Legion of America, declared here the San Diego Silver Shirts had no connection with the national organization, but were organizing independently. **Ala.**

San Diego, Calif., Aug. 5.—(AP)—If the "silver shirts" here are armed and drilling, as reported from Los Angeles on information assertedly collected by a congressional committee, San Diego authorities are not aware of it or are keeping secret what they know about it. City and county peace officers said today they have received no reports of the alleged activities.

Several weeks ago what was reported as "silver shirts" headquarters was established in East San Diego—less than a block from a police station—on one of the main thoroughfares, and frequent meetings were held there at night. Of late, however, there has been little activity.

'Silver Shirts' Probe Is Closed to Public

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A congressional hearing into asserted communist activities was closed against the public here today because the evidence was "so poisonous that international complications might result." **Atlanta, Ga.**

The protection of witnesses and those mentioned in testimony against possible violence also was advanced as a consideration in the decision to make the hearing an officially secret affair.

Testimony that an alleged pro-Nazi organization known as the Silver Shirts of San Diego had been plotting the overthrow of the United States government and had obtained rifles and ammunition from American military sources preceded the inquiry on communist activity.

Volney Mooney, attorney for the congressional subcommittee on un-American activities, disclosed the reason for closing the hearing as the head of the Los Angeles police department's anti-red squad was summoned to testify.

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Silver Shirt Racketeer Discovers 'Jewish Plot'

By JOHN L. SPIVAK

LOS ANGELES, Cal. — In the 48-page pamphlet, "The Cause of Anti-Semitism in the United States," a published lecture by Irvin L. Potter, Box 162, Astor Station, Mass., which is being widely sold here at Silver Shirt meetings, quoted sentences are cunningly arranged so that isolated excerpts from the utterances or writings of prominent world figures seem to stand out as attacks upon Jews.

On the title page is a quotation from President Garfield: "Whoever controls the money of a nation controls that nation." This, immediately above the title of the pamphlet, gives the implication that Jews control the money. On the back cover is another quotation from one of Lincoln's messages to Congress: "The money power will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all the wealth is aggregated in a few hands." This sentence is so placed that the implication is that Lincoln was referring to the Jews.

This pamphlet, though an absurd piece of work to one who has even a hazy notion of what is happening in this world, is offered as a "scientific" analysis of "Jewish control of money throughout the world." Its quotations are isolated sentences, ranging from all sorts of persons, anti-semitic to the world-renowned scholar who made statements about money control without the slightest reference to Jews. But these are presented so that these scholars seem to be referring to Jews.

An example of how "facts" are disseminated by the Silver Shirts with the implications of authority behind the statements follows:

On July 22, 1922, some anti-semitic (if I am not mistaken this was about the time Ford was getting excited in the Dearborn Independent) made a statement which was published in the Chicago Tribune. This statement appears in this pamphlet as follows:

"A Jew, Justice Lubitz Brandeis, ruled the White House by secret telephone"—Chicago Tribune, July

startling.

Dr. E. F. Webber, the natty German who made \$360 for hating Jews and Communists during the week I was in Los Angeles found the pickings so good that he and his associates arranged for a return engagement on the protocols alone. A fairly accurate picture of the sort of "scientific" education Dr. Webber is dishing out can be had from the following:

"The Silver Legion advises the Jew to study the highest ranks of his own leaders. To familiarize himself with the aims and objects of the Sanhedrin, which lies just behind the INTERNATIONAL BANKERS (which in turn lie behind the Third International and Communism)."

This would make the International Bankers backing Communism!

In "Liberation," edited by the and widely distributed here at their meetings, you can find news available anywhere else because Morgan, Rockefeller, the International Bankers and the Communists have joined together to suppress it. For instance, in the copy I have before me I discover that "Russia is in convulsions." No news of these convulsions has seeped out except to the Silver Shirt agent in Switzerland. This convulsive news is that "the immense, nine storied building of the OGPU (the Square Lubianka has been entirely destroyed by fire" (Silver Shirt emphasis).

This sort of stuff could be duplicated indefinitely, but it suffices to give the reader an idea of what is appearing in the Silver Shirt publications, and which their members are lapping up.

Jew-Baiting Brings Cash at "Silver Shirt" Meet

By JOHN L. SPIVAK

LOS ANGELES.—The Silver Shirts meet in the I. O. O. F. hall at Santa Monica and Oxford Aves. usually every Sunday night. The hall is well

filled. On some occasions it is filled with a respectable middle class type. They are well-dressed; their wives look well fed and contented. There is an air about them of getting something new, amazing and not quite attained.

Most of them are young or

duced that they are blindly furious and plant the flags at either—but do not know particularly at side of the stage. Then the speaker of the evening is ready to start

The third grouping are just the plain nuts one finds everywhere who attach themselves to any and all kinds of movements. These people are religious. Their faith has been severely shaken by the past five years. They know that something terrific has happened; they know there is a depression, but what caused it, or who is to blame or what to do, they do not know. Being somewhat unbalanced with their spiritualism, seances and general unhappiness they are an easy mark for the man who comes along with a formula which combines the things they are used to and the things they hope for: a touch of religion (private talks with God by the national leader); a touch of pleasant economics (no taxes, no foreclosures); and a touch of the occult (clairvoyance and clair-

The whole procedure of a Silver Shirt meeting is a crazy combination of the symbolism of a church ritual, the patriotism of a corner politician, the demagogic appeal of a pre-election campaign, all of which is liberally sprinkled over with the mysticism of a spiritualist seance.

When the audience is seated the rigmarol starts. Silver Shirts, with large Ls emblazoned on their bosoms, march in solemnly with the Stars and Stripes on one side and their own flag with the huge L on the other. In a hushed silence the marchers reach the platform.

Why and what is the order of American Black Shirts may not be possible to say with any certainty until it begins to get beyond the formative stage, if it does. But already there are two or three straws which show the direction of the wind.

For one, its South Carolina manager is Joseph A. Tolbert, former U. S. district attorney for western South Carolina, who is none other than the son of our old friend Tieless Joe. Tieless Joe Tolbert was for years the Republican boss of South Carolina, his henchmen including many of the Negro race. Tieless Joe was repudiated by the

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More About Shirts.

1932 Republican national convention wants 100,000 men in this state alone to line up—please inclose Silver Shirt's "\$3 donation with application." Another home port is Atlanta, where according to our arithmetic, 100,000 originated the modern Ku Klux Klan. This may be a simple co-a lot of shirts. incidence, but it sets in motion reminiscences not altogether pleasant. For still another, the order

Not So Meritorious

Enthusiastic citizens of Savannah not so long ago awarded the Arthur Lucap trophy to O. O. Dunning, former U. S. collector of customs at that port as reward for "the most meritorious public service performed by a Savannahian."

If Mr. Dunning yet has the map and it means anything to him he will take a good look at it and then politely refuse the appointment of chief of staff of the Ku Klux Klan. He has been offered the post. There is nothing meritorious in the type of service rendered by the Klan, past, present or future.

Announcement of Mr. Dunning's selection was simultaneous with an announcement from Atlanta that the Klan would be reorganized throughout the United States. Its officers should have qualified that statement by saying that they hoped to reorganize. Not many persons have got \$10 to throw away on an over-sized night shirt. The Klan prospered during the post-war days of reckless economic abandon. Values and foibles have changed since then. Even fraternities of ancient establishment have found it difficult to survive. "Jiners" have been conspicuous by their absence since 1929. They'll still be absent when the hooded Atlantans try to meet again in the groves.

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Masks, By All Means

Imperial Wizard Dentist Hiram W. Evans announces that the Ku Klux Klan will be revived, this time to combat, not Catholics, Jews and Negroes, but "alien propaganda."

The announcement may be taken with a grain of salt, simply because this is 1934 and today not so many suckers have \$10 with which to pay for a 98-cent night-gown. However, even if it should be revived, it will not be the same old Klan, because it has abolished its helmets and masks.

The truth of this must be immediately apparent to anyone who observed the two great Ku Klux parades in Washington. The first one was masked. The second was not. The first one was a really gaudy show, resembling the review of an army division of ghosts. But the second one was a flop. With the masks gone, it turned out that the ghostly army consisted of nothing but Tony the barber, multiplied several thousand times.

The trouble with the Klan is that its face is its misfortune. Without its masks it cannot give a thrill even to a nursemaid, a D. A. R. or a Ham Fish.

THE KLAN AND COMMUNISM

Yesterday's paper carried a dispatch from Atlanta telling of the plans of a re-organized Ku Klux Klan to combat Communism in the United States.

This new Ku Klux Klan, we are asked to believe, wishes only to force Communism out of the land, pass laws in every State of the Union which would outlaw Communist teachings.

To the average conservative citizen who believes that freedom of constitutional speech is reserved only for good Democrats and Republicans the plans of the Klan perhaps seem innocent enough.

One should dislike very much to choose between Ku Kluxism and Communism.

There is no reason to believe that Klan would not be just as intolerant a tyranny as would adherents of Communism if the Klan should gain power.

There should be no stopping any organization which wishes to combat Communism with anti-Communist propaganda, fighting fire with fire so to speak.

In fact that seems to be one of the few sensible ways of fighting the radical doctrines.

Yet we doubt very much that the leaders of the old Klan are the gentlemen to carry on the Good Fight.

We modestly and hopefully predict that the new Klan will die a-borning.

Klan Increases Fascist Activities in South

Business Organization Launches Drive Against Union Labor

By NAT ROSS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 2.

The increased activities of the Ku Klux Klan and the White Legion in the past few weeks, the growth of police terror, the arrest of Ray Harris, Communist Organizer and C. L. Johnson, leader of the arrangements committee for the Washington, Congress for Unemployment and Social Insurance, the conviction of militant workers—all of these fascist developments must raise an alarm before the working class of Birmingham.

At the meetings of the South-eastern section of the Chamber of Commerce the capitalists definitely planned to sharply attack the living conditions of the workers. The big capitalists decided to fight for the N.R.A. wage differential (lower wages for the South) to demand cutting of unemployed relief, to oppose shorter hours and the recognition of the labor union. A con-

crete example of the fight for lower wages in Birmingham is the demand of the laundry operators for a reduction in the N.R.A. minimum wage from 162-3 to 14 cents an hour. The drive to lower wages is seen in the F.E.R.A. order withdrawing the 30 cents minimum for relief work.

The press says the following regarding the cause of this order: Mr. Hopkins found on his tour in the South that there was an actual shortage of unskilled and domestic labor largely because that class of laborers, largely Negroes, could get more money for less work in the F.E.R.A. This condition was rather serious in the cotton and tobacco areas, and employed workers were howling because the \$2.40 a day going to those on relief work was more than they were getting. "The drive against the workers is seen in the plan to cut the relief rolls in the state from 104,000 families to 50,000.

Illiteracy Increased

An official report made on Birmingham relief says the following: "The whole picture points to an increasingly serious relief situation. The general feeling in the

iron and steel industry is that employment during the Winter will remain at about its present level. The future of the commercial coal industry does not seem bright . . ."

To top the whole rotting economic situation one social fact should be pointed out, namely that illiteracy among children of school age has increased from 10,000 to 106,000 in the state since 1932.

It is clear that fascism is developed by the capitalists to help carry out the starvation policy against the workers. Fascist growth arises in Birmingham out of the following:

1. Fear of the militant mood of the masses and the growing unity of white and Negro workers especially since the coal and ore mining strikes.

2. Fear of the growth of a trade union spirit among the unorganized workers and above all fear of the prestige of the C. P. which is spreading daily.

3. The use of the treachery of Leibowitz and the Negro fakers to try to electrocute the Scottsboro boys and to use the Scottsboro developments as the pivot of attack against Southern workers.

4. The Roosevelt administration is using the Southern section of the Democratic Party particularly Birmingham (the home of J. P. Morgan's Tennessee Coal and Iron Company) as the testing ground for the New Deal developments in fascist methods and technique.

5. The support given this drive by the A. F. of L. bureaucracy and the S. P. leaders in Birmingham.

The development of fascism is seen in the declaration of Tom Knight, that "Communism should be stamped out by armed force if necessary." It is seen in the ordinance passed at the initiative of Commissioner Downs that a long sentence or the convict gang awaits anyone who "shall print or knowingly circulate any book, paper . . . advocating the doctrine that organized government shall be overthrown by force, violence or any unlawful means, or shall have in possession more than one copy of such book, etc. . . ."

Fascist growth is seen in the activities of the K.K.K. Ernest L. Knight, secretary, U.M.W.A. local in Dixiana, Alabama, writes to the press: "We had a march here recently of supposedly K.K.K.'s who had but one motive in mind and that was to attempt to destroy or organize labor. Only recently 16 K.K.K.'s broke into the home of a militant Negro in Birmingham, and fascist terror. This places great stripped his two grown daughter to the waist, and lashed them. At the same time the head of the White Legion, Tom Gullledge, who admits he was a strikebreaker in the Gas-tonia textile and the Kentucky mine strikes, works hand in hand with the police attempting to break up worker's meetings.

The Provocative Role of the Labor Fakers

The arrest of Harris and John son at the former's home is one of the many recent police actions against the rights of the workers.

That this drive is not wholly successful is seen among other things in a lengthy editorial in the Birmingham News called "Hunting Communists may be overdone."

The growth of bloody fascism in Birmingham would not be possible were is not for the aid and support given to the fascists by the Negro and white reformist leaders and above all by a number of big officials in the A. F. of L. In a state-ment issued a few weeks ago, Robert Moore, president of the State Federation of Labor, said: "Labor's program involves first a showdown with the capitalists by his anti-Communism. . . . We intend to go to bat with the Communist element to bat with the Communist element in a common front for which has worked its way into our organization. A Communist round-up is under way with the vice-presidents of each of the eight Alabama districts making personal surveys in an effort to definitely spot offenders who will be summarily ousted, and their names turned over to the government authorities."

Behind this piece of police provocation Mr. Moore proposes a program of labor legislation, the main demand being, according to Mr. Moore, a State Department of Labor and appointment of A. F. of L. time must become a real pivot in

bureaucrats for state jobs. Already it is announced that Mr. Moore himself will head the Department of Labor working with a Democratic machine whose connections with the K.K.K. is more clear every day.

The best exposure of how the A. F. of L. bureaucrats believe in their so-called labor program is seen in connection with the Congress for Unemployment and Social Insurance. But despite the fact that dozens of A. F. of L. locals have endorsed the H. R. 7598 Bill and despite the fact that a number of unions and honest union officials have endorsed the Washington Congress, the Birmingham Trades Council officialdom made a violent attack on the Congress preparations when two of the Trades Council delegates introduced the question to the delegates last week.

Next Step in Birmingham

There is no question that the miners and steel workers of Birmingham are raring for action against the conditions of starvation and fascist terror. This places great tasks and responsibilities on the Party.

It is necessary to first and foremost develop a real united front above all in the trade unions. The preparations for the Washington Congress must be used as the main immediate instrument for really developing a powerful

trade union movement for unemployment insurance by uniting the

rank and file masses against any misleaders who stand in the way of this central need of the Birmingham trade unionists.

At the same time it is necessary to develop the united front of the unemployed organizations (Unemployment Council, Relief Workers Union, Hod Carriers Union, etc.)

In all workers and other organizations to lend full support and weight in the sending of delegates to the Unemployment and Social Insurance Congress in Washington. In this connection the whole united front movement must intensify the struggle for immediate relief and the trade union masses must repudiate Moore who helps the fascists with the capitalists by his anti-Communism. . . . We intend to unite all union men in a common front for union recognition, against the Communist round-up and the wage differential for Birmingham workers.

At the same time all forces centering around the unions and involving the broadest masses should be involved in the struggle against fascism, for the repeal of the Downs ordinance, for the disbandment of the K.K.K. and other fascist bands, and for the rights of the unions, of the main working class and the Negro masses. It is clear that the fight for the Scottsboro boys' freedom at this time must become a real pivot in

THE SILVER SHIRT THREAT

Tolerance is recognized as an American tradition and marks the civilized and cultured man. From the time of its foundation America was the asylum for those who desired to shake off the yoke of oppression and sever the bonds of intolerance.

It is true, as has been satisfactorily proven by modern historians, that the founders of the nation were inclined at times to be unfriendly toward influences that were not in harmony with their own conceptions of government, but for many reasons both practical and ideal, the country was open without discrimination for a long time to all citizens from other lands who were willing to accept the principles of democracy and add new vigor and strength to a growing nation.

No doubt, America, like all other expanding nations, was not entirely blameless in the government of its people, and there are many instances of intolerance in the history of the growth of the nation, but the basic concepts of the democracy upheld freedom for the individual as the principal theme of its existence.

In declared theory, at least, the United States stands for the complete release of the individual from any dictatorial edicts affecting his private life.

There have been instances both of a political and religious nature, of mass movements instituted to control and suppress minority groups, there have been times even, that were marked with violence and intimidation, directed against minority groups, but in the end these movements have been quelled by the rule of intelligence and reason, and have not found sympathetic root in our soil.

The March 31 issue of Today, edited by Raymond Moley and owned by Vincent Astor, started a series of articles exposing the activities of the Nazi group in America.

A number of telegrams were sent to the leaders of the movement inviting them to refute the accusations directed against them, and to date there have been only three or four evasive, weak denials of the charges made by Samuel Duff McCoy, who is writing this series.

The second of the series published in the April 7 issue definitely links the Silver Shirt movement in America with the Hitler forces and says that William Dudley Pelley, its founder and editor of "Liberation," started his crusade against the

Jews in this country on the day that Hitler rose to power in Germany, although he had, for many years, been gathering his forces for the attack.

In the December 30 issue of "Liberation," Mr. Pelley printed a map dividing the United States into sections in which the Silver Shirts have strongholds and Mr. McCoy estimates membership in this organization at 75,000 which, joined with the groups of the Nazi organization make a startling number.

In reply to an inquiry of "Today," as to the aims of the Silver Shirts, Mr. Pelley says: "Our aim is to combat false propaganda by Communists and Jews; not that we hit every Jew merely because he is a Jew."

However, at various other times, Mr. Pelley makes no discrimination in his attack upon the Jews but plainly states his purpose to remove the Jews from participation in any form of activity ranging from business to politics. All of his utterances sound like venomous repetitions of the things that led to the attack upon the Jews in Germany.

The April 7 issue of Today also carries an article by Frederic A. Steele quoting the things he heard while attending a meeting of the Silver Legion in New York City, which read as follows: "The membership of the Silver Legion of America already exceeds in number the combined forces of the army and police units of the United States."

"Forty thousand Negroes in the Harlem section of New York City are equipped with firearms in preparation for the imminent Communistic spread of terrorism—We must take mass action against Jewry in public and private life.—We are 100 per cent American."

On the same page in the same issue of "Today," is a reprint of the cover of the envelop of Silver Shirt literature sold at group meetings which reads: Halt Gentile—Act to Save Your Home—Your Family—Your Country and Your Constitution. "In this envelop you will find THE TRUTH about the Alien International Bankers, Communists in Our Government, the Secret World Conspiracy.—Price 25 cents.

"Read—Think—Act—The Silver Legion of America, P. O. Box 2630, Asheville, N. C. United We Stand—Divided We Fall."

The charges brought against the Jews by the Silver Shirts in America as well as the Nazi organizations sound like a dul-

repetition of the things that preceded Jewish persecution in Germany.

To the intelligent people of America they must be as ridiculous as they are libelous, but they assumed the same aspect and color in Germany before the Hitler regime, and the manner in which the themes of vengeance and hate took practical form is a matter of history.

There are many among the Gentiles, as well as the Jews in America, who, indulging in comfortable wish-thinking, dismiss all this ugly propaganda by proclaiming that no movement founded in intolerance can survive long and time will automatically dissipate these idiotic slanders.

There are some who believe that the publication of these ugly facts is dangerous and only irritate the sores they wish to heal. There are others who dismiss them as trivial phases of economic unrest, that were better left unnoticed and undiscussed, and the least said about them the sooner will be their demise.

We, who believe in the rights and dignity of the individual, whether we be Gentile or Jew, cannot help being repelled by the idea of an unreasonable appeal to destructive mass emotion.

It is a dangerous weapon in the hands of the ignorant and unscrupulous. It may be unfair and unjust, but once started it becomes a Frankenstein in the hands of those who invented it. The United States, like all other countries, is beset with problems enough already without adding one more that can only bring dishonor and shame.

If we are to combat these sinister influences of intolerance and ignorance, it can only be done by a full knowledge of the facts involved, before the tide of venomous hate becomes too great to control.

White and Silver Shirts Have "Secret Instructions" For Seizing Government

By JOHN L. SPIVAK

FRESNO, Cal.—"Crusader White Shirts should assist law enforcement officials in maintaining the kind of order we consider essential here. I gave the 'General Orders' in full because, though it is funny, nevertheless it is significant as a trend and tendency which is appealing to a certain class of people. For the poor devil who has lost his farm or for a retired farmer who has lost his income or for a worker who cannot get a job, these general orders, beautifully printed, sound swell. You raise your eyes from reading them and expect to find the city hall surrounded by nice, new clean white shirts. It sounds like action. That's why I thought it was good salesmanship to the people it appealed to."

Actually the line about "generous donations" is the key to the whole outfit. Here, as in the Silver Shirts, the appeal is made to members on the basis of a disturbed and crumbling economic system. Though the White Shirts may be drilling (they have very few in California) and though they may talk grandly of seizing power, those who do swallow it do so because it offers some way of crystallizing their surging rebellion against conditions as they are.

The Silver Shirts, and its "military body," the Silver Ranger, also has detailed secret instructions on how to seize power. These secret instructions are as funny as the White Shirt General Orders. "The Unit for all Silver Ranger activity will be the Squad consisting of one leader and four men. Squad equipment shall be as follows:—one auto, a supply of First Aid Kits, two shovels, two axes, five sacks (capable of holding sand for barricades) three rifles and two shot guns. Bullet proof vests will be furnished by National Headquarters as soon as finances permit.

"Four squads will form one Group under a group leader. "Five Groups will form a Company (105 men.) "No mobilization of groups or companies will be permitted without the authorization of Camp Headquarters. Our aim must be secrecy at all times. Members of the force will not be told the names of any members of the Silver Rangers other than the members of his own squad. "Practice mobilizations will be held by each individual squad from time to time. The expense of such practice mobilization must be shared equally by members of the squad."

I may be wrong, of course, but I cannot take this sort of stuff seriously. To me it is very funny and reminds me of a musical comedy!

These White Shirts also have an "American Declaration of Economic Independence," but there is no use giving that even in parts. The chief change wanted is that the rich shall not always get richer and the poor should not always get poorer.

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Expenses of a Group, Company, or Camp mobilization will be borne by Camp Headquarters.

"It should be borne in mind at all times that we are a strictly lawful organization and it is recommended that all Silver Rangers become members of the National Rifle Association or some other organization from which the right to possess firearms cannot be taken away.

"In order that members may be at all times under the protection of the law it will be necessary for each Camp Commander to contact that branch of the Civil or Military authorities which are most in sympathy with our patriotic aims. Then each Silver Ranger will be sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff, Deputy U. S. Marshal, or Deputy Constable, or Special Police Officer.

"The Silver Rangers will never be called upon to assist in breaking any strike, unless the strike is clearly of Communist origin and likely to get out from under the control of the local authorities. Then the Silver Rangers will take charge and gently, but firmly restore order.

"Each leader will be held strictly responsible for the loyalty and discipline of all men under his command.

"These instructions will be given verbally and committed to memory. Under no circumstances will they be reduced to writing or permitted to fall into unfriendly hands."

CONSIDERING that the Silver Rangers, the "military" group of the Silver Shirts in California are fewer than 100 men, that's pretty big talk. There are not more than 500 or 600 Silver Shirts in the whole state here, and most of them retired farmers, judging by their appearance at the weekly meetings. But this sort of stuff with its military air and "secrecy" seems to appeal to a small class of people, especially the secrecy part. It is a good deal like the old Klan in its rites and secrecy. It makes the muddled middle class farmer who does not know what it is all about but who feels that the depression has left its mark on him, feel that something is being done. But even at that the vast majority of the population do not seem to swallow it.

"Officers of the Law" Aid California Vigilante Groups

By JOHN L. SPIVAK

Dr. Von, former vaudeville actor classed as a "ham." He couldn't get booking so he came to Hollywood to go in the movies. The movies thought he was a "ham," too, so he became a Silver Shirts and vents his hate against Jewish owners of the motion picture industry. He is active in Hollywood. He has some Nazi touches in that he likes to imitate fairies when speaking on the platform. Or maybe it isn't imitation.

These few will give the reader a notion of the type of leaders the out-and-out fascist groups have.

THE formation of the vigilante committees was inevitable with the growth of Communist activities. Due legal protests would have no effect—organizers which the controlling element that places law officers in power did not want. For the law to have taken extra-legal steps would have forced the state to preserve the "integrity" of the law and the Constitution by quantities expected and the outlay taking, or pretending to take, steps to counteract it. The formation of an extra legal body like the vigilante committees accomplishes the desired end and saves the law from showing its position too openly.

That is probably the reason or at least one of them why the law not only closes its eyes to the vigilante committees, but whenever possible co-operates with them though not too openly. Law officers take "legal steps" openly, such as passing statutes prohibiting meetings, etc., though these statutes are on the face of them unconstitutional. But legal measures can be met by legal measures and a long drawn out battle can be waged by means of injunctions, trials, etc. What the fruit and vegetable growers want is quick action; hence, this extra-legal fascist group development.

Those small farmers who go along with the vigilante committee are disillusioned about conditions, but do not understand that the big grower is responsible for their conditions and not the worker in the fields who wants a little raise. In the areas where there have been no strikes, it is interesting to note the small farmer's hate is directed here than it has is because the two against the power company or the finance company, instead of the workers.

At present scattered vigilante committees function chiefly in:

Tulare—San Joaquin Valley; Stockton—San Joaquin Valley; San Jose—Santa Clara Valley; Watsonville—Salinas Valley.

In all of these areas the vigilantes have among their members some of the local law officers or have a tacit understanding with them for co-operation instead of interference.

It is apparent from the tendency disclosed by the merging of the Imperial Valley scattered vigilante committees that it is only a question of time before the various anti-Communist associations, now separated by valleys as the original vigilantes were separated by counties, will merge into one powerful, armed fascist body which even the state will have to consider.

AS IN the gold strike days of '49, a word has spread that the Silver Shirts have struck a paying mine by organizing the fascist sentiment. This belief has resulted in new fascist groups with "hate the Jew, hate the Communist" motif cropping up. In most cases these new and extra-hopeful fascist groups last a few days or weeks and peter out. When "pay dirt" is not found in the large state to preserve the "integrity" of the law and the Constitution by quantities expected and the outlay for printing has been exhausted, the blossoming fascist groups disappear.

Only two comparatively important ones remain here—both branches of national fascist organizations: the Silver Shirts and the Crusader White Shirts. The White Shirts like to call themselves the "American Reds."

This latter organization, the California branch of the Crusaders for Economic Liberty, started with a typical Chamber of Commerce go-getting idea: stickers for auto windows. The stickers show a red flag and the Stars and Stripes crossing one another lovingly and carry a slogan "LEAVE TOWN COMMUNIST." Under this is the slogan "THE AMERICAN REDS."

It is perhaps very funny when one looks at it purely from the standpoint of these organizations alone, especially their plans to "capture" the government. The gravity of the situation lies not in these weak organizations but in the trend they disclose. The only reason fascism has not made more headway is because the two shirt movements are being worked the first as an out-and-out racket for money and the second by a nut drawing to his folds more nuts.

Let me quote from a grand piece of salesmanship issued by the White Shirts. It is supposed to be the "General Orders" giving detailed instructions how to "capture the government." These orders are signed by George W. Christians, Commander-in-Chief of the national White Shirts:

"No unit of the Crusader White Shirts should attempt any positive action until it has been thoroughly drilled and officered and perfect discipline has been obtained, nor should it attempt to move until it is sufficiently strong to accomplish its purpose without any chance of failure.

"The first objective should be to take control of the local government in the following manner: March in military formation to and surround the governmental buildings. Then, by sheer numbers and a patriotic appeal, force the officials to accept and act under the direction of an economic advisor appointed by the President of the C. F. E. L. This advisor's first duty will be to repudiate the public debt and utilize the payments assigned thereto for the public welfare.

"Dishonest officials should immediately be brought to justice. You should remember that most politicians are unfamiliar with modern business methods, and that their accounts are apt to be badly muddled and may be short. Greatest care should be exercised so that the situation does not get out of control and some poor, muddle-headed but honest politicians get hung without a fair and legal trial.

the whole struggle against lynching and fascist terror. The Communists must point out patiently and convincingly that the Scottsboro case represents not only the central fight for equal rights for Negroes but also at the same time a fight for better conditions and for the rights of the white workers. We must state boldly that any one who attacks the Negroes, who fights against unity of the labor movement, is an enemy of the white as well as the Negro workers.

In the present period of developing fascism and the mood of the masses to struggle for their own interests the task that lies at the bottom of all our work is building a powerful Party in Birmingham, above all in the big mills, mines and factories. We must increase our speed in winning of new militant Negroes and the fighting white workers in order to overcome the lag in our present recruiting drive.

The Communist Party calls on all workers in the South and all the workers and organizations through-

out the country to flood W. O. Downs, City Hall, Birmingham, Ala., with protests demanding the repeal of the "Downs" ordinance, the disbandment of the K.K.K., the freeing of Harris and Johnson and all other workers arrested for their revolutionary activity.

Ku Klux Klan- 1934

Georgia

M. O. Dunning Chief of Staff In Reorganized Ku Klux Klan

Group Abandons Masks and Hoods as Imperial Wizard Announces New Aims.

Revealing plans for a complete reorganization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan for the purpose of combating American propaganda, Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, the imperial wizard, Thursday announced the appointment of M. O. Dunning, of Savannah, as chief of the organization's national staff.

Dr. Evans said that the reorganized klan would be without hoods or masks, and that all meetings would be open to the public and there would be no attempt at secret activities.

Asked if Catholics and Jews would be admitted to membership, Dr. Evans said they would not. He added that the organization believed that Catholics and Jews could best serve the purposes of the Klan by working with and through their own church organizations.

In accepting the appointment, Mr. Dunning said that the membership of the organization would continue to be secret but stressed the fact that the new klan would tolerate no violence or intimidation, adding that the national and state directorates would be composed of "men of prominence and sound judgment."

"The klan will not condone lawlessness," Mr. Dunning said. "It will devote its every thought and action toward eradicating lawlessness. Internationalisms of every description are now active in attempting to destroy confidence in capital and labor and if they are successful it will result in annihilation of our nation."

In announcing the appointment of Mr. Dunning, Mr. Evans issued the following statement:

"Public spirited people, klansmen and non-members alike realize that this nation is in great danger. Because of its record of heroic achievement, the klan has been called upon to mobilize and co-ordinate those who are interested in preserving the constitutional government set up by our forefathers, and in answering this request for a vital service, I have chosen as the one man pre-eminently capable of doing the job, Klansman Dunning."

"The klan has delivered in every crisis since the War Between the States, and can be counted upon now. Klansmen in action, competent and courageous, will lead the American people to see that individual liberty and constitutional government shall not perish and that this nation no

longer be the victim of alien propaganda.

"The klan, a living, vital movement in itself, is not a party to any other movement whatsoever. There is no liaison between the klan and fascism, nazism, communism or shirtism, for all such are abhorrent to national liberty."

"Mr. Dunning, first of our great national leaders to be recalled to the colors, will be rapidly followed by such others as are needed to prepare the klan for its greatest service."

For many years Dunning was United States collector of customs at Savannah and one-time winner of the Arthur Lucas trophy awarded annually "for the most meritorious public service performed by a Savannahian." Dunning is widely known also for his activities in the development of the aeronautical and industrial south.

The klan has been inactive for a number of years, Dr. Evans said its last work was in connection with a campaign to secure enactment of legislation restricting immigration. The organization also is credited with taking an active part in the campaign of 1928 in which Alfred E. Smith was defeated for the presidency.

Dr. Evans said the new work of the klan would not involve religious, racial or political issues but would be directed at propaganda that is "undermining our institutions."

He said the organization's membership was still active and had declined only to the extent that other organizations suffer in loss of members during periods of depression. The klan at its peak number approximately five million members, Dr. Evans said.

Mr. Dunning has been in Atlanta several days conferring with Dr. Evans. He announced he would sever his connection with a number of commercial enterprises and devote his entire time to his duties with the klan. He will be in direct charge of the 28 offices of the klan over the country and will have his headquarters in Atlanta.

The new chief of staff for the klan said the work of combating un-American movements would be conducted on a "constructive and sound basis."

Mr. Dunning is widely known as the organizer of the Coastal States Co-ordinated, an organization for the development of southeastern states. He also is a director in several commercial enterprises and is identified with the aeronautic industry. He is a former chairman of the fish and game commission in Georgia.

Klan Rebuilding In Nation Announced

ATLANTA, June 21.—(P)—M. O. Dunning, former United States collector of

customs at Savannah, today was appointed chief of the national staff of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and at the same time Imperial Wizard Hiram W. Evans announced there would be a complete reorganization of the Klan throughout the United States.

Dunning, chairman of the board of the Coastal States co-ordinated formerly was coordinator of Federal law enforcement agencies in the Southeast. He once was awarded the Arthur Lucas trophy for "the most meritorious public service performed by a Savannahian." He has been closely associated with the development of the aeronautical and industrial South.

Saying the Klan's membership would continue to be secret although its councils would be open to the press, Dunning said it would be the organization's aim to "build a solid front that will offset the radical propaganda now flooding the country," he added that the Klan would not tolerate violence or intimidation, saying its directorates would be composed of men "sound in judgment."

The Klan has begun to show a decided increase in activities during the past few weeks, he continued, adding that 500 new members have been enrolled in the 102 Georgia Klans.

Atlanta will be headquarters of the new Klan and other principal offices will be located in New York and Chicago.



M. O. DUNNING.

Georgia Klansmen Meet Here Sunday

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K. K. Plans To Initiate Program To Combat Alien Radicalism.

Klansmen of Georgia, known as a Realm of Klorero, will gather Sunday at the Red Men's wigwam to promulgate a program to combat and eliminate alien radicalism in industrial centers of Georgia, it was announced Friday.

Immediately following adjournment of the meeting which will be the state convention of the klan, officials of the organization expect to contact industrial leaders in the south to co-operate in a program designed to make it impossible for a condition to arise in Georgia similar to that which has paralyzed the west coast, it was stated.

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Group Abandons Masks and Hoods as Imperial Wizard Announces New Aims.

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Asked if Catholics and Jews organization also is credited with taking Dr. Evans said they would not. He, of 1928 in which Alfred J. Smith was admitted to membership, the organization received defeated for the presidency.

Dr. Evans said the new work of the Klan by the Klan would not involve religious, racial or political issues but would be directed at propaganda that is "un-American."

"The klan will not condone lawless-ness," Mr. Dunning said. "It will deprive its every thought and action of every cloak of lawlessness. Internalism of every description are now active in attempting to destroy confidence in capital and labor and if they are successful it will result in annihilation of our nation."

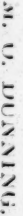
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The meetings will continue through Wednesday with M. O. Dunning, chief of staff, and Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, Atlanta, imperial wizard, making their addresses on the closing day.

Notice that the Klan would be recruited to full strength to fight un-Americanism and communism, was served Monday by Dr. Evans, who stated that the Klan's chief objective for the year was to return American minds to American thought and to stem the tide of communism.

Hundreds of klansmen, in full regalia, will gather at Stone Mountain at 8 o'clock tonight for the ceremonies, Mr. Dunning said. Practically every state in the Union will be represented when the fiery cross is ignited.

RELIGION EXCLUDED

BY RE-BORN KU KLUX

Klan Is Revived With Invitation To Jews And Catholics

By United Press. ATLANTA, Aug. 15.—An Americans, "Jews and Catholics included," were invited today to cooperate with the re-born Ku Klux Klan in a fight against communism.

The white-robed order was re-dedicated last night on Stone Mountain, on the spot where it was founded on Thanksgiving night, 1915, to the principles of "100 per cent Americanism" as opposed to "radical alienism."

The ceremonies were attended by 620 delegates from 28 states.

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NOW AND THEN

By Emile Gauvreau

Gathering of the Klan.

From Georgia comes news of the reorganization of the defunct Ku Klux Klan on a new basis. This time they are allegedly taking in their enemies—the Catholics and the Jews, though they do not mention the third element, the Negro. The fiery cross is re-lit on Stone Mountain, while 620 delegates from 28 States observe the ceremony marking the first day's activity of the formerly bankrupt outfit. The

new objective seems to be "to build up a body of thought throughout the nation that will make it impossible for Communism to thrive here." If their purpose is one directed toward thought of any kind they

need not hide their heads in bedsheets, since it is usual for thoughts to reside in that section of the anatomy.

Fiery Cross Burns Atop Mountain As K. K. K. Inducts New Members KLAN TO LAUNCH WAR

The fiery cross of the Ku Klux Klan burned on Stone Mountain for the first time in 10 years Tuesday night as 50 new members were inducted into the reorganized order which is instituting a national fight against communism and radical alienism. Impressive ceremonies featured by the white robes of the klansmen made a brilliant scene on Stone Mountain, where the Klan was originally organized on Thanksgiving night, 1915.

The flaming cross, symbol of the militant spirit of the klansmen, was 90 feet high and 150 wide on the sheer side of the largest block of granite in the world. The spectacle attracted hundreds of sightseers. Robed but unmasked klansmen, marched in order up the sloping mountainside and were met at the top by the new members who had been administered the oath of allegiance to the United States and its government. A naturalization ritual was then conducted by high officials in completing the induction of the new klansmen.

There ceremony was a highlight of the three-day klonvocation of the Klan being held here, with 620 state officials representing 28 states in attendance. Leading the naturalization rites was Dr. Hiram W. Evans, of Atlanta, who was recently re-elected for a four-year term as imperial wizard.

A new national program of combatting communism and radical alienism was propounded Tuesday night in a statement by M. O. Dunning, chief of staff of the Klan.

Termining the problem of controlling communistic activities in this country a serious one, Dunning said, the Klan has prepared legislation which it will seek to have introduced in every state legislature. It is designed to make impossible any action seeking to undermine the constitution of the United States. The Klan, he said, will attempt to build up a national prejudice against communism. State committees to carry out the work with subcommittees in every town will be appointed, he asserted.

AGAINST COMMUNISM

M. O. Dunning, chief of staff of the Ku Klux Klan, at the closing session of the three-day klonvocation in Atlanta, today said that the Klan will sponsor acts in every state legislature making it impossible for any group of individuals to attempt to undermine the Constitution of the United States.

Hundreds of robed members of the Klan pledged their support to the Klan's program to fight to a finish the menace of communism. The Klan was born, and marked the first such ceremony held at that place by the Klan in more than 10 years.

Unmasked Hoodlums Rage In Georgia

DAWSON, Ga., Oct. 26.—Keeping alive the savage spirit of the old South with its slave tradition, racks, whipping posts and dungeons, this backward little city of southwest Georgia wrested the floodlight from the rest of the section this week when four of its white citizens snatched a Race woman from her cafe and dragged her into the swamps, flogged her within an inch of her life, then brought her back to town.

This outrage, while it marks another black chapter in the annals of considerable circulation the men who the state, yet was not unexpected assaulted Mrs. Cricket were named in the light of recent developments as Ross Collner, Jack Collner, Hub to say nothing of the permanent at Bolton and Robert McClendon.

Peace officers are said to have stood idly by as the lynchers drove back to town with their victim. One of their faces, a former police officer is quoted as having said, "All led, four men invaded the cafe, owned by Mrs. Cricket Lawson, forced her into an automobile and drove away. A short time later she was tossed out of the car in front of her home. After the woman was thrown into the street the mobbists stood by and threatened anyone who dared to go to her rescue.

Citizens here are aroused but their feeling is kept deep in their breasts as there is no one willing to hazard life in the face of the ruthless lynch-

Following the brutality heaped upon Mrs. Cricket last week, another group of brutes ordered Harvey Williams out of town claiming he dressed too well for a member of his Race.

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Georgia.

EVANS RE-ELECTED WIZARD OF K. K. K.

Grand Dragons Name Atlanta Again; Klonvokation to Open Tuesday

Dr. Hiram W. Evans, of Atlanta, Sunday, was re-elected imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan for a four-year term by the grand dragons of the order, gathered from all parts of the United States.

The meeting of the state heads Sunday was a forerunner of the imperial klonvokation of the klan, which opens Tuesday morning for a three-day session, M. O. Dunning, recently appointed chief of staff and head of the propagation department of the organization, announced.

The grand dragons and great titans, the latter being in charge of subdivisions of the realms, will meet in joint session today to discuss preliminary plans for the nation-wide re-enlistment campaign to be launched immediately, it was said.

The election of Dr. Evans was unanimous, according to those attending the session, which was held at a downtown hotel. The sessions of the klonvokation, held every two years, will take place in a theater here.

Klansmen from every part of the country were gathered Sunday for the klan congress, which is expected to hear the imperial leaders lay down a program to be put into effect by every unit in the nation.

"The display of loyalty and enthusiasm at the meeting today was inspiring," said Mr. Dunning Sunday.

"The great army of the klan is as much opposed as they are? Why has it will be recruited to full strength in record time through a nation-wide organization ready to function," Dr. Evans was quoted as having said to the state leaders.

"The klan's program of action will be announced Wednesday by Mr. Dunning," said the national leader.

Dr. Evan, formerly of Dallas, Texas, first became head of the organization in 1922, and has been re-elected each four years since.

AN IDLE QUESTION

Not to be cantankerous, disagreeable, unneighborly or anything else unpleasant, we desire nevertheless to pose the following question:

Roughly from 1920 to 1928 the Ku Klux Klan said it was enlisted for the duration of the war against the Pope of Rome. Its strategy called for stopping him at the outer gates of the Vatican. He was to be kept out of this country. His minions in the United States were to be driven from power and only reliable Protestant 100 per centers put on guard in high and low places of power.

Yesterday Klansmen held their national assembly on Stone Mountain, in Georgia, where the Klan (of today) was born. Dr. Hiram W. Evans, of Dallas, who is not only a dentist, but a tooth dentist at that, still imperial wizard, speaking for a general revival of the Klan, said that the great need of such an organization today lies in the need for the suppression of the "menace of Communism."

Such alarums, however, will leave most of us cold until there are explanations. What we wish to know is, why did the boys abandon their fight on the Pope? If in the days of their vast power they could not make a dint in his lines, how is it that they hope in the days of pernicious anemia to stop Stalin and his Communists? Why should the republic rely upon an organization to check Communism which after a fair chance to show its prowess, failed to get anywhere in its attack upon the Vatican?

If the Klan was in earnest in the bloody twenties when "papal domination" of our "Protestant, Christian republic" was the issue, why does it today seek to pick a fight with Communists, to whom the Pope is as much opposed as they are? Why has it abandoned a mission to subdue the Roman Catholic Church, with regard to which it had taken so many moving pledges of honor?

How do we know that the Klan will not abandon its war on Communism as ungracefully as it abandoned its war on the Pope once the pickings grow thin? What assurance have we that the Ku Klux Klan is not the same cheap fraud today that it was in 1920, 1924 and 1928? Is it not still a low-grade racket?

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EXPOSE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES SEEKING SUPPORT OF RECENTLY REVIVED KU KLUX KLAN

Recent revelations of the revival of the discredited Klu Klux Klan in local politics has sent republican leaders and scores of candidates scampering to cover in frenzied and panic-stricken efforts to escape the storm of public condemnation that followed exposure of Klan activities at a meeting last Sunday afternoon. The plot of the leaders to feather their nest at the expense of minority groups is believed, however, "nipped in the bud."

Investigation of the meeting of the Klan, presided over by one "Doc" Ferrell, king of the local branch of the notorious order, has led to the belief that a mayoralty and numerous other candidates had made overtures to the organization looking for its support in the coming primaries. Hardly had the storm broken over their heads before the air was filled with punitive demands.

The Indianapolis Recorder has unearthed information, however, that supports the belief that membership in the resuscitated Klan has failed to reach sizeable proportions, but however, a renewed effort to establish 100 per cent white "Americanism" supremacy was planned.

History of the new branch here dates back to last summer with the appearance here of Doc Ferrell, reputed to be a high pressure Klan salesman. Doc is said to have taken over an anemic organization that had been started by William O'Nan, Eight ward republican chair-organization supporting George man and president of the Golden Eagle Republican club.

Small Membership Shown Under the guiding genius of the mysterious Doc, membership in the Klan was reduced to \$1.00 (which went to Doc), and an intensive drive for new members started. Headquarters were open three days in the K. of P. Building. Recently candidates seeking support of the organization were told that the membership had reached 12,000. Actually, it numbers less than one thousand men.

Previous to the meeting reports were current that the Klan branch was an organization of persons, Jews and Catholics from holding any public. Its principal tenants are those of the old Klan

of ten years ago.

Markun Issues Challenge

Louis R. Markun, independent Republican candidate for mayor was among the first to expose efforts of klan leaders to rejuvenate the old order in the city and throughout the State. "This is the most vicious trick that could be possibly used to blast republican machine candidates for mayor into office. I don't believe the intelligent self-respecting elements of the various groups in our city without regard to race, creed or color will allow those responsible to go unpunished."

No Klan, Says Pritchard

"There is no place in the republican party for southern democrats who come to Indianapolis for the purpose of reviving racial prejudice and hatred among its citizens" said Walter Pritchard, republican candidate for mayor in a speech Thursday. "I do not believe in the klan and have absolutely no connection with it. I believe the republican party should stand firmly by its traditional principals of equality for all citizens under the law," he added.

Several of the candidates who attended the meeting Sunday are said to be democrats.

Another klan meeting is to be held Sunday.

An effort to reach "Doc" Ferrell since last Sunday's meeting have failed. "Out in the State on business was the laconic reply to an inquirer as to his whereabouts."

KU KLUX KLAN, BELIEVED DEAD THRIVES HERE

Klanism in Indianapolis and Indiana is not dead, recent reports from a reliable source have indicated. Contrary to a popular belief that reports of klan efforts to stage a come back were largely "hoax", proof was uncovered this week that reorganization of the erstwhile notorious secret order is receiving widespread and enthusiastic support from certain elements in one of the major political parties.

According to a schedule of Klan activities circulated among the initiated several days ago, a "tremendous Ku-Klux-Klan celebration" is planned for June 30 to July 4. A place

which other realms are invited", will be held near Kokomo, Ind. as the

It was in this park ten years ago D. C. Stephenson, then the grand dragon, now a lifer in the state prison at Michigan city, thrilled thousands of members of the then powerful organization with a spectacular appearance in an airplane.

H. B. Farrell, state organizer of the Klan with headquarters in the Knights of Pythian building, Ohio and Pennsylvania streets, has sent out red and blue invitations stating that arrangements have been made for the five-day affair including food and lodging. Two degrees, he said, the Knights of Camellias and the Knights of the Mystic Forest, would be given. Religious services, a pageant, and the burning of the fiery cross are among scheduled attractions.

District Delegates to Attend

James A. Colescott, imperial representative, Columbus, where district headquarters are located, will be the principal speaker at the states big organization meeting July 4. Delegates from Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Kentucky have been invited to attend the sessions.

Notwithstanding publicity attending the activities of the Klan during the recent primary election and a general disavowal of any connection therewith by political leaders and their followers, those who view the growth of the organization here with misgivings say its increase in membership since that time has been mushroom in character. From less than one thousand, the number of initiates is said to have grown to the amazing figure of 9,000. Whole memberships of certain political organizations have been taken over into the hooded outfit, it is claimed.

Conjectures are that one inevitable result of the proposed meeting, if present plans are carried out will be the open entrance of the Ku Klux Klan into the fall political campaign with the hope of mailing the election to the klan cross.

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Kluxers Seek To Share Front Page With Kingfish, Calling Huey Menace

By PERRY W. MULLEN

Associated Press Staff Writer

ATLANTA, GA., Aug. 27. (AP)—

campaign of the Ku Klux Klan to unseat Senator Huey P. Long was reported well underway today under direction of Louisiana Klan officers but with advice and suggestions concerning the "method of operation" from national headquarters of the organization here. Dr. Hiram W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Klan, added to the troubles of the "Kingfish" recently by terming him a "menace to organized society" and promising to bring about his defeat at the polls. The Senator was reported to have met this threat with another send Dr. Evans out of the State "with his toes turned up" if he should set foot on Louisiana soil.

Klan officers at the national headquarters today said the Senator to the Klan's condemnation of his activities had brought several resolutions from Louisiana Klans expressing their indignation toward Long.

One from Crowley, La., was quoted as pledging adequate protection by Louisiana Klansmen for the Imperial Wizard whenever he desires to visit that State. The head of the Klan, it was stated, could visit Louisiana without fear of harm from either Mr. Long or "his militiamen."

"Whenever Louisiana Klansmen decide they need a visit from the Imperial Wizard, he will come," one of Dr. Evans's associates said. "The Klan is not desirous of getting into a newspaper controversy with Mr. Long," he added, "because it is not the Klan's intention to dignify him to that extent."

"His own people of Louisiana know him even better than the national organization of the Klan and we think we know enough of him."

"There is nothing personal in the Klan's attack on Senator Long. The Klan does not think he carries either the dignity or ability to properly represent the fine State of Louisiana."

The Klan's fight against the Senator is being carried on by 85 Louisiana lodges with a membership of approximately 38,000," the headquarters spokesman said.

"The Klansmen now are organizing citizens of that State so decent people of Louisiana will be able to cope with the bombastic attitude of Mr. Long and his machine."

Long's answer to the Imperial Wizard was reported by headquarters to have caused a "considerable increase" in membership of the Louisiana Klans.

Louisiana is the only State in which the white robed order will enter a political campaign at present, Klan officers said. The fight against Long

termed a part of the organization's new program against "radicalism."

Former members of the order were recalled to enlist in the fight at a "re-consecration" ceremony held on the slopes of Stone Mountain recently. The Klan has been inactive for a number of years, officers said, because there has been no matters requiring an active membership.

The "Kingfish," quick to jump on his enemies with both feet, can stomp at only the shadow of a robed army pur-

ported to be hovering around him, a Klan official said. He cannot readily determine the identity of his Klan enemies in Louisiana, for the organization's membership, since its reassembling, has been returned to absolute secrecy.

The Louisiana Legislature enacted a law several years ago prohibiting the wearing of masks. Under the new Klan revival masks are not a part of the official regalia.

The Senator, however, has not been slow at fighting the shadow. Immediately after Dr. Evans directed his fire toward Louisiana, the "Kingfish" replied with such heat and vigor that his remarks were unprintable.

Long dares Dr. Evans

to enter Louisiana

K. K. K. Wizard Warned to Stay Away; Hints at Death Threat.

BATON ROUGE, La., Aug. 17.—

Replying to a threat of Imperial Wizard Hiram W. Evans, of the Ku Klux Klan, to take Klan action against him, Senator Huey P. Long today "dared the wizard to come into this state."

"If he tries it, he won't light a foot in Louisiana. If he does, he will leave both feet right here, with the toes turned up," said the senator.

Senator Long at first declined to comment on the Evans challenge and then changed his mind, dictating what he described as "a formal statement" bristling with unprintable descriptions of Evans.

"Take down this formal statement,"

he said to a reporter: "Evans won't come within 10 miles of me. And if he does come into this state, he won't light a foot in Louisiana, and if he does, he will leave both feet right here, with the toes turned up."

Reaching into his coat pocket, the senator withdrew and waved about a lengthy typewritten letter on K. K. K.

stationery.

"I have here a letter which this Evans recently wrote to a friend of mine trying to get his organization started up again in this state. He says in it that he is trying to enlist members at \$5 a head, and goes on to outline a schedule of rates for klagling," Long added.

"It says here where you can be a klagle for \$5, which would give you authority to go out and collect \$10 from everybody else."

"He's offering klaglin' jobs in Louisiana on a strictly commission basis."

"That's the dope on Mr. Evans."

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Maryland.

Pa. Woman Sues Greyhound Bus Line for Jim Crow

Also American
**Driver Had Cop Eject Her
on Lynching Shore and
Threaten Her.**

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**KEPT IN JAIL ENTIRE
NIGHT SHE DECLARES**

Baltimore Md.
**Judge Freed Her as J. C.
Law Is Not for Buses.**

PHILADELPHIA—That a Greyhound bus driver threatened to kick her out of her seat and told her they lynched colored people down on the Eastern Shore who did not obey orders, Mrs. Isabella Smith set forth in a suit filed against that company last week.

The Philadelphia woman, who lives on Woodstock Street, near Dauphin, said she was thrust in jail in Salisbury and subjected to other indignities when she refused to move from a seat she occupied and take a back one, Sunday.

Was on Visit

Mrs. Smith, who has retained Raymond Pace Alexander to prosecute the bus line, was returning from Princess Anne, Md., when the incident took place.

When she got on at Princess Anne, she said, she occupied a seat near the center of the vehicle. All went well until the bus stopped in Salisbury, she said, to take on additional passengers. Several of those who boarded the bus at Princess Anne, got off at Salisbury, but Mrs. Smith remained in her seat.

As passengers boarded it the driver came to her and ordered her to move to the rear and give a white passenger her seat. Mrs. Smith stated that she refused to move.

"You will move or I'll kick you out of that seat," she quoted the bus driver as saying. He also stated, she sets forth in her petition, "we lynch colored people down here when they don't obey orders given by whites."

Stuck to Seat

The passenger, however, said she ignored the remarks and stayed in her seat. The driver then called a policeman and they together pulled her from the seat and placed her under arrest.

Not knowing anyone in Salisbury, Mrs. Smith charges that she had to remain in jail all night. When she was brought before a judge at ten o'clock the following morning he told her that she was discharged and to go back to Philadelphia since Maryland Jim Crow laws do not apply to interstate passengers. These laws in the case of local passengers affect only trains and steamboats and not buses.

She has been confined to her bed as a result of the treatment given her, she says.

New Jersey

Seeks Destruction of Union by Attacks on Negro Workers

of this section in an attempt to de-term last Friday for violation of pro-which they apparently mistook for a stroy the Agricultural and Cannerybation when he was arraigned in telephone connection.

The charge was made after a fif-fords are not related. The cases of derson frantically called the local, teen-foot cross had been burned in Henderson, a former Columbia Uni-borough and state police for aid. The front of the Negro barracks on Sea-versity professor, and Vivian Dahl, local police allegedly stated that they brook Farms, scene of a recent strike, another union organizer, on charges had no available men to send; the and after two other barracks, one aof inciting to riot during the strike, state police stated that all their former union meeting hall and the were scheduled to be heard in available men were at the scene of a other a Negro church, had been burn-Bridgeton yesterday. One by one, highway accident, and the borough ed by incendiary fires. A few nights most of the strike leaders are being police stated that the case was out of after these incidents occurred five, jailed. The union charges that this their jurisdiction. The klansmen carloads of klansmen surrounded their part of the terror exercised to pre-were finally routed by a group of Vineland home of Donald and Elinor vent a second strike if the Negroes farm workers who answered Mrs. Henderson, white union organizers, are not rehired. Henderson's plea for help. The state

Henderson, white union organizers, are not permitted to attempt to cut the telephone wires, and laid siege to the place for several hours before they were routed by a group of farm workers who headed a call for help which the local and state police had left unanswered. The charge of Hitlerism was raised in the situation last week when a number of incendiary fires destroyed two barracks and a warehouse on the Seabrook Farms. In statements published yesterday it was believed that a civil war, with serious consequences, was brewing between the klansmen and the persecuted Negro farm

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Orders Evictions. stated that the two barracks, used in previous seasons to house temporary farm workers, were both run down and unfit for continued occupation, and that the destroyed warehouse contained only peach baskets, while there is no peach crop this year. One of the barracks was scheduled to house a union meeting last Saturday evening and the other

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New York

CROSS BURNED IN N.Y. TOWN

Afro-American

GREENBURG, N.Y. — Prior to the election of school trustees, here, a six-foot fiery cross flamed as 400 white and colored taxpayers gathered to conduct their business of electing trustees and considering the budget. 5-26-34

The cross was planted within several hundred yards of the school in a district which has a large colored population. Canute Ferrin, colored candidate for trustee, polled fifty votes in the election which was won by Mrs. Amelia Farrell, white, who received 183 votes.

Mr. Ferrin, however, was named to the budget committee and had a voice in the apportionment of funds for the conduct of the school district's business.

It is believed that the cross was burned to scare the colored voters into casting their ballots for the white candidate in preference to the colored office seeker.

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South Carolina.

THE KLAN IN BLUFFTON

It is reported that the Ku Klux Klan had a parade a few nights ago in the village of Bluffton, S. C., at which time the colored people were terror stricken and made themselves scarce, some not being seen even the next day. Those who think this way are deceiving themselves. During the days of Reconstruction, the Klan in murderous array lend terror to the colored people, hundreds of whom were either killed, whipped or otherwise outraged. They were powerless to resent it because even the law officials upheld the lawless members of the organization. There is no need for such an organization during these times, and those who are thus allied are not the hundred percent Americans that they boast. The colored people are not afraid of the Klan and look upon its members with slight regard. The men who compose this organization should endeavor to cultivate friendly relations among the races and disseminate the true American principle.

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Texas

3 Men Brand 'K. K. K.' On Back of Texan

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, July 24.—
(P)—Branded with K. K. K. on his
back, David Crockett, Harlandale
painter and campaign worker who dis-
appeared Friday night, was found to-
day, bound and gagged by the side
of the road at Cassian park and
samara street. 7-25-34

R. M. Berkibile, an employe of an
ice plant, discovered Crockett as he
was on his way home.

Crockett told city detectives he had
been kidnaped by three men and held
prisoner until last night, when his
captors told him they were going to
take him home.

While riding with the trio, Crockett
said, he felt something burning
him. He struggled with his captors
and one of them knocked him uncon-
scious with a pistol. The painter said
he recovered consciousness at the spot
where he was found.

A county hospital physician, who
examined the brand on Crockett, ex-
pressed doubts the letters had been
burned there last night. One of the
places had begun to heal. Apparently
the brand had been burned with a
small heated wire.

Crockett received an anonymous
death threat signed K. K. K. Friday.
The note was pinned to his front
door and accused him of reviving the
Ku Klux Klan issue in the present
political campaign in Texas. Crockett
is a worker for Roy O. Hatley, can-
didate for county superintendent.